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SUBJECT: ADDIS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT OPERATIONS MARCH 1

REFS: (A) ADDIS 2277 (NOTAL; (B) USDAO

1. WELL-PLACED RELIABLE AMERICAN SOURCE REPORTS FOLLOWING: ALL ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES (EAL) FLIGHTS DEPARTED MORE OR LESS AS SCHEDULED THIS MORNING. PROCESSING OF PASSENGERS SLOWED BY RELATIVELY LEADERLESS DISSIDENT TROOPS AT BOLE AIRPORT OPERATING ON VAGUE GUIDELINES. TROOPS IN QUESTION UNFAILINGLY COURTEOUS BUT SCREENED
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ALL PASSENGERS CAREFULLY. AT LAST MINUTE ALL ETHIOPIAN NATIONALS

BOOKED TO DEPART ABROAD WERE DENIED PERMISSION TO LEAVE. ETHIOPIANS WERE ALLOWED ON DOMESTIC FLIGHTS. AMCITS NOT INTERFERED WITH.

2. SOURCE ANTICIPATES CONFUSION CITED ABOVE LIKELY PROVE TEMPORARY AND EAL SEEKING PRESENCE MORE AUTHORITATIVE FIGURE IN SITU TO EASE PROBLEM.

3. IMPOSITION IEG CURFEW BEGINNING 2100 HOURS MARCH 1 TO 0600 (NIGHTLY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE) LIKELY DELAY EARLY EAL DEPARTURES SUFFICIENTLY TO PERMIT PASSENGERS TO MAKE FLIGHTS AFTER CURFEW ENDS.

4. BOLE AIRPORT IN TELEPHONE TOUCH WITH ASMARA AIPORT, WHICH REMAINS CLOSED AT THIS WRITING.
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